

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant appreciates the indication of allowability of claims 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, and 11-17. Claim amendments herein have been made in accordance with the indication of allowability. Where claims are combined herein, the sections of the combined claims have been correctly placed.

Claim 1 has been canceled. Allowable claim 2 has been rewritten in independent form. Claim 3 is dependent upon claim 2. Claim 5 has been rewritten as an independent claim and other claims dependent upon it include claims 4, 10, 18-21 and 27. Claim 6 has been canceled. Claim 8 has been rewritten in independent form including the elements of claim 6 which was allowed. Claim 7 is dependent upon claim 8. Claim 9 has been rewritten in independent form including the elements of claim 6. Claims 11-17 are all dependent upon allowable, now independent, claim 9. Claims 22-26 have been canceled.

With the forgoing amendments, the indicated allowable claims have been rewritten in independent form and some claims have been amended to be dependent upon the allowable claims.

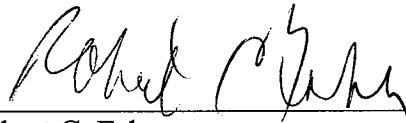
In the Office Action, claims 1, 4, 6-7, 10 and 18-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and claims 24-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102. For those claims not canceled, their rejection has been rendered moot by making the remaining ones of those claims dependent upon claims indicated as allowable.

Accordingly, allowance of remaining claims 2-5, 7-21 and 27 is requested.

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